

# AN ACT AND ORDINANCE

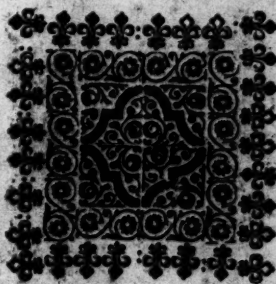
OF  
The CONVENTION of ESTATES  
OF  
The Kingdom of SCOTLAND:

For the speedie raising of Moneys by way of

## EXCISE:

*For supplying the Forces raised in this Kingdome,  
for Defence of RELIGION, CROWN,  
and KINGDOMES,*

*And payment of the Debts for which the  
PUBLIKE FAITH shall be enga-  
ged to that end.*



EDINBURGH:

*Printed by Evan Tyler, Printer to the Kings  
most Excellent Majestie. 1644*



*At Edinburgh the last day of January. 1644.*

**T**He Convention of Estate Ordains this their  
Act and Ordinance, for raising of Moneys  
by way of **Excise**, to be forthwith Printed, and  
Published at all the Market-Crosses and Parishi-  
Kirks of this Kingdom, where-through none pre-  
tend ignorance of the same.

*Arch. Primrose*

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AT  
EDINBURGH.

The last day of IANUARIE;

1644.



He Convention of Estates considering that this Kingdome having entered into a solemne League and Covenant, for Reformation and Defence of Religion, the Honour and Happinesse of the Kings Majestie, and the Peace and Libertie of the Kingdomes of *Scotland, England, and Ireland*: and in pursuance of these ends, being forced to leavie ane Armie to be sent into *England*: and that by the said Covenant they are bound in Conscience, Dutie, and for their own safetie, To contribute their best endeavours in providing of some meanes for preservation of Religion, Lawes and Liberties, from utter ruine; for reliefe of the necessities of the Armie sent from this Kingdome for that purpose; and for some supply of the extreme wants of the *Scots Armie in Ireland*. And also remembering that the great burdens of this Kingdome, have hithertills lyne upon the well-affected, who did willingly embrace the same, whiles the Malignants were using all cunning wayes, both to free themselves and hinder others, Do finde it absolutely necessar that some constant, just, and equall way, least prejudiciall to the Kingdome, and most beneficiall to the Cause in hand, be resolved upon, for settling ane solide foundation of a stock of credit and securitie, whereupon summes of Money may be raised for the present supply, and future reliefe of the necessities of these Armies: And after serious deliberation have agreed, that the same shall be by way of *Excise*.

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And accordingly Statute and Ordains, that the severall Rates hereunto annexed, shall be laid on all and every the Commodities following, over and above all Customes, and other duties due and payable for the same: And recommends to the Committee of Estates, To take some course how this Excise may most speedily and with least trouble and expence to the Kingdome, be up-lifted thorow the Shires and Burrows thereof.



The Roll of the particular Commodities subject  
in payment of EXCISE, and of the  
RATES laid thereon.

ON every pint of ale and small beere sold, to be paid by the Brewer or maker thereof, and to be allowed to him in the price, or which any House-keeper breweth for his own spending, to be paid by every such House-keeper l. s. d.  
00 00 04

Beere or ale exported for provision of Ships is to pay no Excise.

On foraine imported beere every pint, 00 01 00

On every pint of strong beere to be paid sicklike by the Brewer or House-keeper, 00 00 06

On every pint of French wine already imported, or to be imported, to be paid by the first buyer thereof (the buyer being ane Vintner) after the sale of the same: Providing it sell before Lambes next, Or by the buyer for private use, immediately after the buying 00 01 04

On every pint of Spanish wine, in like manner 00 02 08

On every pint of Aqua vitæ or strong waters sold with- in the Countrey 00 02 08

On every pound of Tobacco 00 06 00

On every slaughtered Oxen, Bull, or Kine, of sixteene pound price or above, to be paid by the buyer or slayer 01 00 00

And



And on every one of them under that price	00 13 04
On all Oxen, Bulls, or Kine transported, to be paid by the transporter for the peece	02 04 00
On all Sheep slaughtered or transported, at or above 40. s. price, to be paid by the slayer or transporter	00 04 00
And under that price	00 02 00
On all slaughter Stirkes of eight pounds price or above---	00 06 08
Sicklike on every such Stirke beneath that price	00 04 00
On all calves or goats of 40. s. price the peece, or above, sold, or for private use	00 04 00
On each of them under that price	00 03 00
On all Swine	00 06 00
On all Lambs and Kids	00 02 00
On the Merchandize of every elne of filke stuffe from five merks value to ten, to be paid by the buyer	00 06 08
On every elne thereof above ten merks,	00 10 00
On every elne of plush or panvelvet,	01 00 00
On every elne of fartin	00 13 04
On every ounce of gold or silver lace	00 13 04
On every elne of gold or silver cloth	03 00 00
On every bever hat	01 04 00
On every halfe bever hat	00 12 00
On every paire of filke stockins,	00 13 04
On every elne of broad cloth, not exceeding seven pounds. Retaild	00 06 00
On every elne of cloth exceeding that price	00 12 00
On each elne of narrow cloth, ferges, and other worser or haire stuffs imported, at or above 40. s. the elne	00 02 00
On the elne of baife or freezes, at or above 30. s. the elne	00 01 00
On all cambricke, lawne, or holland cloth, for the value of every twenty shillings	00 01 00
On every elne of imported perline of threed or filke betwixt three and six pound	00 12 00
On the elne betwixt six and twelve pound, and so forth proportionably	01 04 00
On coale exported in Scots or English bottoms of the value of twelve pounds	00 06 00

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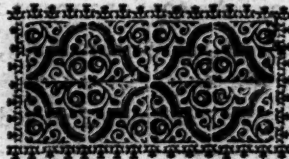
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	l. s. d.
On all coal of the same value exported in forraine bot- toms	00 12 00
On every twelve pound value of all kinde of made work brought home	00 13 04

All manner of worke made within the Kingdome to be free of Excise.

**T**His Excise to begin upon the tenth day of February next to come ; And to endure onely so long as the necessity of the Army shall require, and at the farthest but for one yeere : And if the Parliament at their next meeting shall in place hereof find out and appoint a better and more expedit way to provide money for supplying of the Armies, and paying the provision made to them in the interim, then this way of Excise is to cease.

And it is hereby declared, That the remainder of the brotherly assistance, The arrears due to the Armie in *Ireland*, And what shall be due for maintenance of this Armie, and all other summes addebted to this Kingdome by the Kingdome of *England* being paid, and therewith all publike debts and burdens of this Kingdome, with what shall be due to the Armies being defrayed, The remainder thereof over and above this defrayment, shall be employed for repayment of the Excise, in manner following, *viz.* What ever shall be the proportion of the Excise gotten within the Town of *Edinburgh* and Liberties thereof, The equall halfe of the same shall be repayed to the Magistrates and Town Councell for behoofe of the said Towne. And every other Burgh shall have repetition of the tua part of the proportion of Excise furnisht by them. And the remainder not allowed to the Burghs in manner foresaid, shall be given proportionable for the publike use of the severall Shires, according to the quantity of Excise paid by them.





An Act of the Estates of *Scotland*, for raising of Money for a present supply to the Armies sent into *England* and *Ireland*;

*At Edinburgh, the second of February 1644.*

**F**Orsameikle as the Convention of Estate finding themselves bound in conscience and dutie for setting of a stock of credit and security, whereupon sums of Money may be presently raised for supply of the Army sent into *England*, and relieving in some measure the extreme wants of the *Scotts* Army in *Ireland*, Did conclude and agree that the same should be by way of Excise; Yet considering that the necessity of the Armies cannot admit of delays, and the summes to be raised on this Excise will not be timously gotten in for supply thereof, But that the samen joynd with the Publike Faith of this Kingdome, may be a sufficient surety to any that will advance Moneys in the interim;

Have therefore thought fit to require and ordain, That all persons of this Kingdom who have Moneys, or by their credit and surety can best and soonest raise Money, To lend the same to the Estates, or their Committees, for the uses foresaid, Who shall have assurance for their repayment from the Publike, out of the Moneys due by the Kingdom of *England* to the Armies, according to the proportion to be advanced to either of them *respectively*: Or that shall be raised upon this Excise, which the Collector and his Deputies shall be bound to pay them, out of the first of his intromission thereof; Or by any other manner of surety, private or publike, they shall desire. And in case any shall desire private surety; It is hereby ordained, that the persons whom the Lenders shall desire to be bound to them, shall either oblige themselves to the Lenders, or furnish the Moneys themselves: and in either case shall have publike suretie foresaid for their relief. And the persons thus obliged to the Lenders in a private surety, shall have such others of any Estates (that are in the Town or Shire where the Money is to be borrowed) joynd with them as they shall desire.

And for the better prosecuting hereof, The Estates gives power to their Committee, in such an exigencie, and upon warrantize of repayment foresaid, To call before them all such persons as are known to be able by themselves or their credit to Lend or raise Money, And to require and ordain them to Lend or give such surety as will presently raise the sums of Money the Committee shall require from them upon the assurances above-written. And if any shall refuse with power to the Committee, To take such course with them, as in a time of so pressant necessity they shall think fitting to make them advance Moneys as said is. But if any will be pleased upon this security willingly to offer Moneys, it shall be esteemed and embraced as a reall testimony of their affection to Religion and the Cause in hand.

And further, the Estates gives hereby power and command to the Committee of War in the Shires; To take such course within their severall bounds for procuring of Moneys in manner foresaid, as is above-written, or from time to time shall be direct to them from the Committee of Estates, and to report.

*Arch. Primerose.*



